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Appl. No. : 09/852,225 Confirmation No.: 4231
Applicant : Mitsuru AKAIKE Art Unit: 3632
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Title : STOPPER DEVICE AND TELESCOPIC UNIT

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Final Office Action of June 17, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.